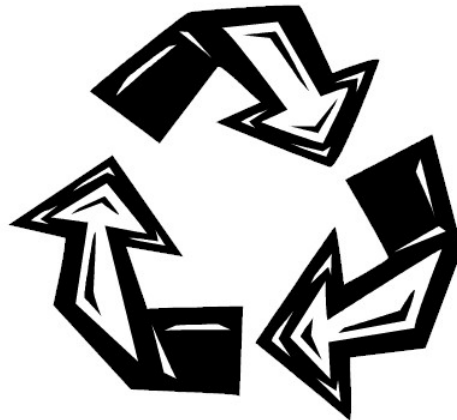


**RECYCLING & RE-USING
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****Please note: This is not a complete list. Updates will be available periodically on the Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church's "Environmental Concerns Committee" link at: www.uucharlottesville.org/green***

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ITEMS TO DONATE A to Z: WHO WANTS THEM

Complete contact and location information for the following organizations are listed after the A-Z list of donatable items. If you have not donated to an organization before, it's a good idea to check with them first to see what they will and will not accept. Storage space is limited, and their criteria change periodically.

AIR CONDITIONERS & FANS:

JABA (Jefferson Area Board for Aging)

APPLIANCES (LARGE) [For small appliances, see: "Clothing & Household Items]:

Habitat for Humanity Store: Appliances must be in working order and be 5 years old or less.

SEARS, etc.: If the appliance you are replacing is still usable, ask the installer if they will donate your appliance to Habitat for Humanity or another non-profit organization.

ART SUPPLIES:

Albemarle/Charlottesville Regional Jail: Only certain art supplies are accepted.

Salvation Army Day Care: They accept crayons, paper, non-toxic water based "poster"/tempera paints, child-safe paint brushes, construction paper, blunt-end scissors, art & craft supplies appropriate for ages 2 to 5. Best times to drop off items are from 1-3 pm (nap time). For details, call 295-4058 to be connected to the Day Care Center.

Schools, Preschools, Church programs, Summer Camps and After School program, Nursing Homes, etc.

BACKPACKS (No broken zippers, or dirty backpacks, please):

International Rescue Committee

"On Our Own" Drop In Center

Thrift shops (Good Will, Green Olive Tree, Salvation Army, SPCA, etc.)

BATTERIES (mostly rechargeable) Please check with recycler to make sure they accept the type of batteries you wish to recycle.

Alkon Supply

Batteries Plus accepts the following batteries: rechargeable, silver oxide, cell phone batteries.

Cell Phone stores

Central Battery

Circuit City

Coiners Iron & Scrap Metal

HM Gleason Supply

Ivy Landfill: The Ivy Landfill has a special receptacle just inside the main entrance to the right **before** the weighing scales. Open Mon. – Sat. from 7:30 – 4:00.

Photoworks

RadioShack

Sears

Staples

Wal-Mart

BICYCLES:

Community Bikes

Thrift Shops

BLANKETS (new or gently used):

AIDS/HIV Services Group

International Rescue Committee

On Our Own Drop In Center

BLANKETS (“worn”):

SPCA “worn” blankets accepted at the for their guests.

Wild Life Center of Virginia

BOOKS, CASSETTES, MAGAZINES, MUSIC CDS, DVDs:

Magazines can be recycled much easier than they can be donated. If you find that you don’t read a magazine before the next issue arrives, consider stopping the subscription.

If you find a place to donate magazines, you may want to cut your name and address off first.

“Books Behind Bars” gives books to inmates at local prisons. [Contact information not available at this time.]

Good Will: No magazines

Hospitals & Doctor’s Waiting Rooms: Always ask before just dropping **magazines** off. Children’s books may also be accepted.

Jefferson-Madison Regional Library: No magazines or videos.

Prisons: This web site provides information on groups around the country that give books to prisoners: <http://www.freewebs.com/books4prisoners/resourceslinks.htm>.

Salvation Army Thrift Stores: Books, CDs, DVDs, videos and cassettes. No magazines accepted.

Scottsville Library: has a magazine exchange.

Schools, Preschools, Church Libraries, etc.

Teachers: Sometimes, teachers can use certain **magazines** for projects in their classrooms.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church Book Sales: (Rugby Rd.) Book sales are held in the spring, and on Labor Day weekend. Check the web site for dates and times. booksale@uucharlottesville.org.

BUBBLE WRAP

Check with your local package store. Most will take your package wrapping materials and re-use them.

BUILDING MATERIALS & ARCHITECTURAL ITEMS:

Habitat for Humanity Store: They do **not** take everything. Please call for details.

Live Arts: Call first!

CARS (cars that run):

SPCA: See the SPCA'S web site (www.caspea.org) for information on how to donate your old car.

WMRA Public Radio: takes donations of vehicles to sell at auction. Check out their web site at www.wmra.org Look for the drawing of a car on the left side for their "Vehicle Donation Program".

CARS (junk):

Coiner's Scrap Iron & Metal

CELL PHONES:

Blue Ridge Assistance Dogs (has a donation drop off box at the Charlottesville Wellness Center).

Donations benefit Blue Ridge Assistance Dogs.

Staples Stores have cell phone recycling bins.

There are many other businesses that are recycling both cell phones and cell phone batteries.

CLEANING PRODUCTS:

Shelter for Help in Emergency: New or mostly full cleaning products are accepted. Call 293-6155.

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS (Do NOT donate clothing that is badly stained, has holes, or that has worn out elastic. Use your really worn out clothing for cleaning and painting rags, etc.):

Central Virginia Baptist Clothing Bank

Church of Our Savior Thrift Shop

Churches: yard and rummage sales

FOCUS Flea Market Thrift Shop

Good Will Thrift Stores

Green Olive Tree Thrift Store

Habitat for Humanity Store: They do **not** accept clothing.

International Rescue Committee will take household items in excellent condition only. They cannot take clothes, shoes or mattresses.

Salvation Army Thrift Stores

Schools: Some schools collect coats and shoes for children.

Senior Center "Yard" Sales: They have specific sales for specific items, and collect only those items sold at the **upcoming** sale.

[**Shelter for Help In Emergency** provides clients with vouchers so they may obtain clothing from the Salvation Army, etc.]

SPCA: Clothing and household items are accepted at the Thrift Shop. See their website for details:

www.caspea.org

Twice Is Nice accepts clothing donations for men, women and.

COMPACT FLOURESCENT BULBS (CFBs):

RSWA Compact fluorescent bulbs have mercury in them. They may be taken to the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority's Hazardous Waste collection days. See their web site for details.

COMPUTERS (ALL computers must be in working order, have all necessary parts, and not be "dinosaurs." The Crutchfield's Recycling program will take obsolete electronic equipment):

Crutchfield: For a nominal fee, Crutchfield will **recycle** computers, audio systems, TVs, digital cameras, and other electronics

Computers for Kids

Salvation Army Thrift Stores: The Salvation Army may take computer monitors and keyboards. Check with them before dumping anything off at their door. They **do not** take obsolete or broken equipment. Call 979-5230.

Staples: Recycles “office technology” for a small fee.

COMPUTER INK CARTRIDGES [see: “Ink Cartridges”]:**COOLERS (Styrofoam type):**

Meals on Wheels

COSTUMES, VINTAGE CLOTHING & DRESS-UP CLOTHES (Think carefully about which organization could use your “special” clothing. Items with strings or small pieces that could be pulled off are not appropriate for small children):

Live Arts: accepts vintage clothes, some building materials, etc. for their productions. Contact the Technical or Production Managers for details at 977-4177.

Old Michie Theater

Pre-schools

Salvation Army Day Care Center

Tandem Friends School

School Theater programs

DICTIONARIES:

International Rescue Committee accepts English Dictionaries.

Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Book Sale

Schools (especially children’s dictionaries)

DVDs & VIDEOS:

Good Will Thrift Shops

Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Book Sale: 2007 is the last year that videos will be accepted for donation.

Nursing Homes

Salvation Army Thrift Shops

SPCA accepts “animal videos”!

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT:

Exercise equipment is heavy and hard to get rid of. Call before you donate to your favorite charity. They may or may not take it.

FANS (see “Air Conditioners & Fans”)**FOOD (Canned, and other non-perishables are accepted. No “expired” items please):**

AIDS/HIV Services Group

Jefferson Area Food Bank

Shelter for Help in Emergency

FURNITURE:

Habitat for Humanity Store accepts wood furniture only.

Love Inc. (in The Name of Christ) at 198 Spotnap Rd. on Pantops accepts “functional” furniture. Call 977-7777. Open 8 – 4:00, Mon. – Friday.

Salvation Army Thrift Stores: They will pick up large items. Call your nearest location for details.

GREETING CARDS (New):

Non-profit organizations such as churches may be able to use new greeting cards.

Nursing Homes

Teachers

GREETING CARDS (Used):

Be creative and turn your old ones into gift cards, postcards, or recycle them.

Teachers: for “cut and paste” projects. Always ask first!

HOUSEHOLD GOODS [see: “Clothing & Household Items”]:

INK CARTRIDGES:

Advantage Office Systems accepts ribbon, inkjet and toner cartridges.

SPCA accepts donations of empty ink cartridges for their “Cash for Critters” program. They can receive as much as \$12 each for this “trash”. Check their web site at <http://www.caspca.org/>

Staples Stores currently gives \$3 store vouchers for every ink cartridge you bring in.

MEDICATIONS (see “Non-Prescription Medications”)

MUSIC CDS (see: “Books, Cassettes, etc.”)

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS (New and unopened containers, only):

AIDS/HIV Services Group

Charlottesville Free Clinic

Jefferson Area Food Bank

OFFICE & SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Teachers, Schools, Preschools, Non-Profit Organizations, Churches, etc. may be able to use extra, slightly used office supplies.

PAINT (ART) (see: Art Supplies)

PAINT (Interior & Exterior paint in full, un-opened cans):

Habitat for Humanity

PET SUPPLIES:

SPCA

Wild Life Center of Virginia

PLASTIC BAGS:

Grocery Stores will **recycle** clean plastic shopping bags with NO paper receipts inside. Read their requirements on the outside of recycling receptacles.

Thrift Shops: may give CLEAN plastic bags without holes a new life. Ask first! The Salvation Army and Good Will have their own supplies and do not accept used plastic bags for re-use.

POWER STRIPS / SURGE PROTECTORS / “Uninterrupted Power Supply strips”:

Batteries Plus

SCRAP METAL:**Coiner's Scrap Metal****SHEETS:****Shelter for Help in Emergency:** "Gently used" twin size sheets are always needed.**STYROPHOAM PEANUTS:**

Check with your local package store. Most will take your package wrapping materials and re-use them.

SURGE PROTECTORS (see Power Strips)**TOILETRY ITEMS (New and unopened containers, only):****AIDS/HIV Services Group****Jefferson Area Food Bank****"On Our Own" Drop In Center****Shelter for Help in Emergency****TOOLS:****Habitat for Humanity Store****Thrift Shops****TOYS & GAMES:****Salvation Army Day Care Center:** accepts wooden puzzles and other toys appropriate for ages 2 – 5.

Call 295-4058 to be connected to the Day Care Center, for details.

Nursing Homes, Preschools, Church Schools, Schools, Summer Camps, After School programs, etc.**Thrift Shops****TOWELS:****AIDS/HIV Services Group****"On Our Own" Drop In Center:** towels and washcloths accepted.**Shelter for Help in Emergency:** new or gently used, only**VIDEOS:****Schools, Preschools, Churches, Summer camp programs, Nursing Homes, etc.****Good Will****Salvation Army Thrift Shops****WOOD STOVES (free standing):****Habitat for Humanity Store**

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ORGANIZATIONS LISTED ABOVE:

Advantage Office Systems: Located in Kathy's Shopping Center, Carlton Rd. Phone: 296-4190.

AIDS/HIV Services Group: Located at 963 2nd St. S.E. Phone: 979-7714.

Albemarle/Charlottesville Regional Jail: Contact Superintendent Col. Ronald Matthews, or Program Coordinator Phyllis Black at 977-6981 for details on their art programs. Book donations?

Alkon Supply: Located on Avon Street Extended. Phone 296-3888.

Batteries Plus Store: Albemarle Square Shopping Center, across from Circuit City. Phone 964-1999.

Central Battery: Located on Grady Avenue. Phone 977-6937.

Central Virginia Baptist Clothing Bank: Located at 815 Bolling Avenue, Charlottesville, this clothing bank is open mornings for a couple of hours somewhere between 9:00 and noon. See their web site at www.centralvaassociation.org for details.

Charlottesville Free Clinic: Located at 1138 Rose Hill Drive. Phone 296-5525.

Church of Our Savior Thrift Shop: is located next to the "stone church" on Rio Road. They take clothing donations and some household items. The church's phone: 973-6512.

Circuit City: Located in Seminole Square. Phone 973-0601.

Coiners Iron & Scrap Metal: Located on Carlton Avenue. Phone 296-6465.

Community Bikes: ("Recycling Bicycles and Mentoring Youth in Charlottesville"): See their web site at www.cvillecommunitybikes.org or call 284-2594 for drop off times and location.

Computers for Kids: Please check their web site at www.computers4kids.net for details and a donation submission form. Location: 945 SE 2nd Street. Phone: 817-1121.

Crutchfield: For a nominal fee, Crutchfield will **recycle** computers, audio systems, TVs, digital cameras, and other electronics. Items are accepted at their Rio Hill Shopping Center store. Call 817-1100 for details.

FOCUS Thrift Shop: located in the K-Mart Shopping Center. Donations are accepted on Thursdays from 10 – 5:30. Store hours vary throughout the year. The FOCUS' "Career Closet" with interview suits for women, is now located at the Thrift Shop. Call 293-5458 with questions.

Good Will Thrift Stores: located on Rt. 250 West on Pantops, just east of the intersection with Route 20; and on Rt. 29 South, just north of the intersection with Rio Rd. next to Pizza Hut.

Green Olive Tree Thrift Store: The Green Olive Tree is located in Crozet across from the “old train station” Library. Call 823-4523 for days and times.

Grocery Stores: plastic bag recycling bins.

Habitat for Humanity Store: Call 293-6331 for details. Located on Harris St., Charlottesville.

HM Gleason Supply: Located on Garrett Street near the railroad tracks. Phone 295-5145.

International Rescue Committee: Call 979-7772. IRC is located on Water Street across from the parking garage. See their web site at <http://www.theirc.org/Charlottesville> for details.

Ivy Landfill (see “**Rivanna Solid Waste Authority**”, below)

JABA (Jefferson Area Board for Aging): Phone: 817-5222. Located at 674 Hillsdale Drive.

Jefferson Area Food Bank: The Food Bank is located on Harris Street. Phone 296-3663 for details. Other “Food Bank” drop-off sites are located in grocery stores and churches.

Jefferson-Madison Regional Library: Deliver donated books, Music CDs and DVDs to the Gordon Avenue Library branch located on Gordon Avenue. The library does NOT accept any donations for about 3 – 4 weeks after their sales in order to reorganize their space for more donations. Call for hours: 296-5544. **After the spring 2007 sale, videos will no longer be accepted.**

Live Arts: Contact the Technical or Production Managers for details at 977-4177. Located on Water Street across from the enclosed, outdoor parking lot.

Love Inc. (in The Name of Christ) at 198 Spotnap Rd. on Pantops accepts “functional” furniture. Call 977-7777. Open 8 – 4:00, Mon. – Friday.

McIntire Recycling Center (see below)

Meals on Wheels: 270 Stillfried Lane, Charlottesville. Call 293-4364.

Old Michie Theater: Please call 977-3690 before dropping off items at the theater. Located on Water Street.

“On Our Own” Drop In Center, 123 4th St. NW: “On Our Own” works with people who have mental illness, many of whom are homeless. Regular and hotel-size toiletries accepted, towels, washcloths, toilet paper, backpacks and blankets are accepted. Call 979-2440 for details.

Photoworks: Located on Rio Road West. Phone 973-4562.

RadioShack: Located on Route 29 South across from the Fashion Square Mall; and in the Pantops Shopping Center.

Salvation Army Day Care: For details, call 295-4058 to be connected to the Day Care Center.

Salvation Army Thrift Shops: are located on Cherry Ave., and on Airport Rd. just west of the intersection with Route 29. Hours are Mon. – Sat. from 9 – 4:30 (for donations).

SEARS: Located in the Fashion Square Mall. Phone 974-8297.

Scottsville Branch Jefferson-Madison Regional Library: 330 Bird St., Scottsville. Call 286-3541.

Shelter for Help In Emergency: For details, call the office at 293-6155.

SPCA: See their web site at www.caspca.org for details on donations accepted to help care for the animals waiting for homes at the SPCA facility (“Wish List”).

SPCA Thrift Shop: Located on Preston Avenue between Martin Hardware and Shenandoah Joe’s Coffee. Open Tues. through Sat. (10 – 5). Donations are accepted between 10:00 and 1:00.

Staples Stores: Located in the “Whole-Foods” shopping plaza and downtown in the shopping plaza on McIntire/Ridge St. between Preston Ave. and West Main Street.

Tandem Friends School: Call 296-1303 for details on what items may be accepted for Tandem’s theater productions, summer camp classes, etc. The school is located across from Monticello High School.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church Book Sales: Located at 717 Rugby Rd. **Book sales** are held in the spring, and on Labor Day weekend. Check the web site for dates and times. booksale@uucharlottesville.org. The church also has an annual Yard Sale on Labor Day weekend. Call 293-8179 for details.

Twice Is Nice in Preston Plaza on Preston Avenue is open Mon. – Sat. from 10 – 4:00. Sales benefit JABA (Jefferson Area Board for Aging).

Wal-Mart: Located on Route 29 in Charlottesville. Phone 973-1412.

Wild Life Center of Virginia: Located in Waynesboro, the Wildlife Center rescues, treats and releases injured wild animals and birds. They need a wide variety of materials from blankets and butterfly nets to plastic food containers with lids, “Puffs Plus” tissues, Gerber’s powdered rice flavor cereal, scissors, tape and canned sardines. Call (540) 942-9453 for details and location.

WMRA Public Radio: accepts donations of **vehicles** to sell at auction. Check out their web site at www.wmra.org Look for the drawing of a car on the left side for their “Vehicle Donation Program”.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT RE-USE AND RECYCLE:

BARTER NETWORK

Barter Network is a group of people who exchange services, and sometimes goods. Check out their web site at www.tradelocal.org/barter

COINER'S SCRAP IRON & METAL, INC.:

Call 980-3011 for information on recycling junk cars, metal, aluminum, etc. Located at 100 Meade Avenue, Charlottesville.

CONSIGNMENT & ANTIQUE SHOPS

Make some money and let someone else enjoy your stuff.

FREecycle.ORG

Freecycle.Org is a non-profit organization that promotes the giving away (i.e. re-using) of unwanted items. Check the following web site for details and to sign up. Word has it that if you see something you want, jump on it right away as things go quickly.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecycle_charlottesville/

GARBAGE COLLECTION:

Check the "Garbage Collection" section of the Yellow Pages. There are other local trash companies that donate your discards besides "Got Junk", below.

GOT JUNK?:

"Got Junk?" provides service in this area. They pick up your junk and haul it away. They donate or recycle 60% of what they take away. There is a charge for this service. Call 1-800-GOTJUNK for details.

iSOLD It Store:

Let the folks at iSold It in the Rio Hill Shopping Center sell your stuff on e-Bay for you. Phone 977-7355 for details.

McINTIRE RECYCLING CENTER:

The McIntire Recycling Center on McIntire Road accepts, magazines, newspapers, office paper, junk mail, box board/brown paper bags, glass, plastics # 1 (PETE) and #2, aluminum and metal cans, and books [in their "Free" bin at the very end... NO magazines here]

RIVANNA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY:

Check out the RSW web site for lots of helpful reduce, reuse, and recycling information:

www.rivanna.org They have a long, extensive list of items they WILL and WILL NOT accept at recycling centers at the "Common Recycling Outlets for Charlottesville & Albemarle" link on the left hand side of the home page. Please check this link to make sure the items you want to recycle will not contaminate the bins. They are VERY specific. Information is given for homes and offices. The Ivy Landfill is open Mon. through Sat. from 7:30 – 4:00. Hazardous Waste Collection dates are listed on the web site.

STOPPING JUNK MAIL:

1) Check out the following **Federal Trade Commission web site** for information on how to stop most junk mail from filling your mailbox.

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/alerts/optoutart.htm>

Here, you will find up-to-date contact information for the **Direct Marketing Association**. Be aware that the Direct Marketing Association will only take you off their list for 5 years, i.e. you will need to re-do this every 4 or 5 years.

The **Credit Bureaus'** automated phone system for "opting out" of receiving junk mail from financial institutions (credit card, bank and insurance companies) is also on the FTC site. Make sure to stay with the automated phone system until you are offered the ability to opt-out FOREVER. Otherwise, you'll only be off those lists for a couple of years.

2) **Call the catalog companies** you don't want any more and have them take you off their mailing list as well as their affiliates' lists if there are any. Some companies have more than one catalog and you may need to ask to be removed from ALL of them. For the catalogs you want to receive, call them too and ask them not to give out / sell your name. These businesses make money off selling your name and address to other companies.

3) Contact the Customer Service departments for the **magazines** you subscribe to. The "Customer Service" phone numbers are often found in very small print at the bottom of the "contents" page. Tell them you don't want them to give your name and address out to anyone.

4) When you move, be aware that the **U.S. Postal Service** may provide your new name and address to direct marketers. You may be able to opt-out of this option on their change of address forms.

5) **Check out those "Privacy Statements"** included in statements from your bank and other financial institutions. Unless you officially opt-out of receiving their junk mail as well as the junk mail of their "**affiliates**", you will be flooded with junk mail. The cure for this is to see #1 above.

6) For **non-profit organizations**, you will have to write to or call each one of them to ask to be taken off their mailing lists and to not give your name to other non-profits. They sell or exchange your name and address too.

7) On **Warranty Registration cards**, make sure to check the box that stops the company from "sharing" your name with other companies; or the offers to provide you with "special offers", etc.

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